

Remarks/Arguments

The disclosure, and figures 7 and 7A have been amended to avoid double use of reference numerals.

The Examiner has allowed claims 2 to 18 and 30.

The Examiner indicated that claims 25 to 27 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. By way of this response, claim 25 has been re-written as an independent claim. It is therefore submitted that claims 25 to 27 are in allowable form.

Claims 24, 28, and 29, rejected by the Examiner, have been deleted.

New claims 31 to 34 have been added. Claim 31 includes features of claim 13 and recites labelling apparatus with a "stationary cylindrical core having a first airway for communicating a negative air pressure to" the "bellows in order to retract said bellows to said retracted position and a second airway for communicating a positive pressure to said bellows in order to extend said bellows". It is submitted that none of the art of record shows these features such that claim 31 is patentable over the art of record. That being so, claims 32, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 31 are also patentable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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